(c) Number of students selected from Karnataka out of the total—

Year	Basic Science	Engineering	Medicine
2000-2001	9 out of 83	0 out of 5	0 out of 4
2001-2002	12 out of 86	0 out of 4	1 out of 8

Steel plant in Bihar

†5515. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to set up any steel plant in Bihar;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present to set up a steel plant in Bihar.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Indian Steel Industry is passing through a difficult phase due to adverse conditions in the domestic and international steel markets. Some of the factors contributing to the present adverse conditions are excess supply and low demand for steel in the domestic market; import of steel at low prices; falling steel prices and higher production costs. In this scenario, setting up of new steel plants will not be a viable proposition.

Institute for Adventurous Sports

†5516. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Adventure Sports Institute, to promote adventurous sports;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and which adventurous sports would be promoted by this Institute; and

(c) by when, the Institute would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Employment and rehabilitation of youth in A.P.

5517. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to assist the Chief Minister's empowerment of youth programme, being arranged by Andhra Pradesh Government, for employment and rehabilitation of youths; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, how youths would be encouraged in their-self employment efforts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Under the Scheme of Promotion of Youth Activities and Training, financial assistance is extended to State/UT Governments, and voluntary organisations for imparting vocational training to the youth with a view to upgrading their skills, as a means of furthering self-employment.

Improving the sports standard

5518. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to improve the standards of Indian sports at the international arena during the last five years;

(b) whether the same has shown improvements;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?